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BBC weather team sees the return of the mums

Helen Young

Isobel Lang

Sarah Wilmshurst

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Three of the best-known faces on the BBC weather team are set to return to our screens this Summer. Helen Young, Isobel Lang and Sarah Wilmshurst have been away on maternity breaks for over six months, but will return to BBC One broadcasts very soon.

All three are fully-trained Met Office forecasters with over 30 years experience between them. Helen Young is the Lead Presenter at the BBC Weather Centre and the mums' return is a terrific boost to the team who provide around 100 weather broadcasts a day from the BBC TV Centre in London.

Helen said, "It really is great to be back, the team goes from strength to strength and the place has a fantastic buzz about it. TV and radio weather forecasts are extremely popular and we are at the beginning of a revolution in TV weather graphics."

TV weather forecasts started on the BBC in 1954 when George Cowling presented the weather for the first time. Barbara Edwards was the first female weather forecaster on British TV in 1974. There are now 22 Broadcast Meteorologists in the team based at TV Centre doing BBC broadcasts for all parts of the world as well as nationally and regionally around the UK.

Send a postcard of the mums to a friend

More about the BBC Weather Centre

How the forecasts are put together

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